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Dr. Joshua Lederberg 716 Alvarado Row Stanford, California 94305

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

It was good talking to you again, and I am delighted we are going to publish the column weekly.

It has not yet been decided when or where the column will appear in The Washington Post, and as soon as we make this determination, I will let you know. However, Sunday looks like the best bet.

As per our telephone conversation we will pay you \$50 per column. Actually it will be \$51 a week. The extra \$1 will enable you to subscribe to The Washington Post. I am told that we are unable to supply "free" subscriptions, so I am taking the scientific way out -- the extra dollar. Subscriptions are \$46 a year, by mail daily and Sunday.

Again as per our telephone conversation air mail will do for transmission of the column. It should be here on Thursday morning, and if there are any last minute changes through Friday night you can wire them to us.

There is no problem in granting a reprint to the journal you mentioned. However, I will have to learn what credit line the journal should carry once we begin publication of the column. As for syndication, during the next week we will explore with our people the possibility of syndicating your column.

As for a title, how about CONSCIENCE AND SCIENCE?

I was also delighted, I might add, that you will be able to serve in a consultative role from time to time for our news and editorial staff on matters of science. I don't imagine this will be burdensome, but it does give us a measure of relief that we can pick up the telephone and get advice either by telephone or letter on scientific matters about which we are not expert, but need expert opinion.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Howard

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